

I am disturbed that such important policy changes are being contemplated and will probably be made without the proposed rule changes being made available to the public (I've called the FCC and looked on your web site). I'm also saddened that public hearings were limited, even when members of the commission requested to expand the number. Treating important issues in a stealth-like manner is not how I view the democratic process. As a former public official we welcomed debate, as uncomfortable as it was at times, for it was a way for the public to feel that they had been heard, and also those of us that made decisions learned a thing or two during the process and at times even changed our viewpoint.

I'm also concerned that the impetus to change the present rules may be influenced more by the corporate interests that you are charged to regulate than the public interested which you are charged to protect. It's hard to know though, since I don't have the text of your proposal.